

Andrew Miles Mackenzie, OLS# 1112
September 7, 1934 – November 23, 2017



He had the last laugh with a midnight departure on Thursday November 23, 2017. Andrew Miles MacKenzie, Ontario Land Surveyor, a joke and story teller extraordinaire, life-long fisherman and Craigowan golfer passed away at age 83 after a two year bout with cancer.

Left with a lifetime of good memories are his wife of 60 years Annabelle, daughter Alison (Trenton), son Alexander (Lorraine), and five cherished granddaughters: Cleo, Abigail, Kenzie, Kellan, and Katerina. Of the Woodstock MacKenzies, brother Pete now carries on the family traditions from Calgary.

During his spirited stint at Woodstock Collegiate, he met the love of his life, Annabelle. Andy was a proud graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) and the University of Toronto. He had a remarkable and influential career, reinventing himself many times over. After engineering work on the DEW line in Labrador, Andy ran a successful land surveying firm in Woodstock and served multiple terms as City and County Councilor. He was proud of the many subdivisions, houses, and businesses he helped to build across the County. But more than anything else he was proud of his two kids, Alison and Alexander and his 5 granddaughters who can do no wrong. He was able to combine his fascination with computers and his surveying expertise at TERANET where he spearheaded the automation of the provincial land registry system.

A lifelong fisherman, he could regale us all with tales of the big one (*that he mostly always caught*). Andy will be remembered for his unstinting encouragement and the optimism he always sought to instill in his family and friends.

Cremation has taken place and a proper bash is being planned for Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Craigowan Golf Club from 1 to 4 pm (stories and speeches at 2 pm).

In lieu of flowers, donations are much appreciated in care of the Oncology Day Unit at the London Health Sciences Centre and the Woodstock Hospital and may be made directly or through Wareing Cremation Services, 346 Simcoe Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario N4G 2J8.

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